

than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Mr. Hood to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Hood and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KIDS WiSH ACT OF 2007

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would begin to address a gaping hole in our disaster management system. Since Hurricane Katrina, many improvements to our emergency management system have been made, but there is still much work to be done. Hurricane Katrina demonstrated that the current disaster management system in the United States is inadequately prepared to meet the needs of children. And there is still no national agency in the United States with a clear mandate to safeguard children before, during, and after disasters.

Children see, hear, and understand more than adults may expect. But children do not experience disasters the same way that adults do. In normal times, family, other caregivers, and community institutions like schools work together to keep children safe and help them learn and develop. During disasters, family members can be separated, schools and child care centers closed or destroyed, and children's routines disrupted. These sudden changes can frighten children. The physical differences between children and adults are clear: children are smaller and have different sleep, nutrition, and other needs. In shelters, hospitals and emergency service centers, these differences matter.

Congress must invest in creating effective local, state, and federal disaster response systems involving a healthy, adequately-funded, well-coordinated, and functional emergency medical services system. My bill, the KIDS WiSH Act, focuses on making sure the needs of children are addressed and met in emergency preparedness planning, and in response to and recovery from future domestic disasters.

The KIDS WiSH Act establishes a National Commission on Children and Disasters that is modeled after the 9/11 Commission. The Commission will examine, assess and report on the facts and causes relating to the needs of children during and after all hazards, disasters and emergencies, and Federal emergencies. It will also build upon investigations of other entities on children's needs during and after hazards, disasters, and emergencies. This would include reviewing findings, conclusions, and recommendations of other executive branch, Congressional or independent commissions, or non-governmental entities. The bill will also establish The National Resource Center on Children and Disas-

ters that would provide information to Federal, State, local and tribal governments, and non-governmental entities on issues in relation to the needs of children during and after all hazards, disasters, and emergencies.

The time to address children's needs in disasters is now . . . our Nation's children shouldn't have to wait any longer.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I join every American in remembering September 11 and the victims who so tragically lost their lives in an unspeakable act of violence. We all grieve with the families they left behind and are deeply grateful for the rescue workers and ordinary citizens that displayed extraordinary humanity and bravery.

We owe it to them to make our Nation and the world safer.

The new Democratic majority in Congress is bringing about effective change in the way our Nation confronts the threat of terror. The recent passage into law of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations was an important, though overdue, step to making our homeland more secure.

But those who lost their lives or put themselves in harm's way on 9/11 deserve more. The administration's ill-advised war in Iraq undermines a significant opportunity to bring Osama bin Laden and the real perpetrators to justice. It is my hope that we as a Congress will work together to reverse this course and refocus our efforts. We still have much work to do to recover from this tragedy, to protect our liberty, and to regain our credibility and stature in the eyes of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was not present during rollcall votes Nos. 865–866 on September 10, 2007. I would like the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted: On rollcall vote No. 865 I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall vote No. 866 I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNITION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Constitution Week, September 17–23, 2007. The Congress, by joint resolution on February 29, 1952 designated September 17 as Citizenship Day, and on August 2, 1956, requested that the President

proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week. During Constitution Week, we honor our Nation's Constitution and encourage everyone to take the time to read and reflect on what the Constitution means to American citizens. It is a time when we can promote the ideals of freedom and opportunity throughout our Nation.

Today, I would like to particularly recognize the Augustin Clayton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Jonesboro, GA, for observing Constitution Week this year. Their nationalism and dedication are exemplary, and a model for all Americans. I hope that many other Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, will follow the lead of the Augustin Clayton Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution and conduct ceremonies and other programs to celebrate our Constitution this coming Constitution Week.

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HON. LUIS G. FORTUÑO

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. FORTUÑO. Madam Speaker, Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian submitted an application for Taiwan's U.N. membership to the United Nations on July 19, and it was immediately rejected by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the basis of United Nations Resolution 2758, which affirmed U.N. support for the "one China" policy.

U.N.'s action regarding Taiwan's application was unprecedented and contrary to U.N. procedures. U.N. rules empower only the Security Council and the General Assembly with the authority to discuss and decide on U.N. membership applications. As such the U.N. Secretariat does not have the discretion or authority to summarily reject Taiwan's application.

Madam Speaker, I believe firmly that the issue of Taiwan's application should be raised and debated by U.N. members. And I wish to add my voice to call for U.N. to go through the necessary process for reviewing Taiwan's application for membership.

CONGRATULATING MR. MATTHEW HORNBECKER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Matthew Hornbecker of Evergreen, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon